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## TAKE A KNEE



THERE'S BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY RECENTLY ABOUT FOOTBALL PLAYERS KNEELING DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS CALLED THEM OUT AND THE NFL HAS RESPONDED POORLY. THE REACTIONS AND RESPONSES FROM BOTH ARE UNFORTUNATE.

THE TIME TO TAKE A KNEE IS NOT DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, BUT THERE IS A TIME TO TAKE A KNEE.

TAKE A KNEE AS A MARK OF RESPECT.

- I. Genesis 41:43 indicates that when Joseph was introduced as the new Vice President of Egypt he was to be paraded through town with a herald proclaiming "Bow the knee."
- 2. Moses told Pharaoh that his people would come and bow before Moses before asking them to leave the country. (See Exodus 11:8)
- 3. When a leper came to Jesus he fell on his knees before Him asking for cleansing. (Mark 1:40)

### TAKE A KNEE IN PRAYER

- I. WHEN SOLOMON DEDICATED THE TEMPLE HE "KNELT ON HIS KNEES IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF ISRAEL AND SPREAD OUT HIS HANDS TOWARD HEAVEN." II CHRONICLES 6:13
- 2. Daniel is a great example of prayer. "Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously." (Daniel 6:10)
- 3. ACTS 7:60 TELLS US THAT BEFORE HE DIED STEPHEN FELL ON HIS KNEES AND CRIED THAT GOD WOULD NOT HOLD HIS PERSECUTORS SINS AGAINST THEM.

#### TAKE A KNEE FOR WORSHIP

- I. Note David's personal practice. "I will bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name..".- Psalm I 38:2
- 2. REMEMBER TOO THE CALL FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP FROM PSALM 95:6 "COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN, LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER."
- 3. Consider God's desire in Isaiah 66:23 "And it shall be from new moon to new moon and from sabbath to sabbath, all mankind will come to bow down before Me, says the LORD."
- 4. AND ULTIMATELY ALL WILL ONE DAY BOW AS PHILIPPIANS 2:10 INDICATES THAT "AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, OF THOSE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH."

LET US CONSIDER OUR WAYS AND TAKE A KNEE!

LOOKING UP,

PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE

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